



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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June 19, 2012

The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

REALLOCATE PRIOR YEAR EXCESS FUNDS AND ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS TO PLACEHOLDER GRANTS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will approve the reallocation of \$83,511,595.88 in prior year Excess Funds of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for prior year un-awarded Excess Funds and allocate \$4,348,753.77 in County Excess Funds to placeholder grants to comply with requirements of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act as the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4) (5) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.
2. Approve the reallocation of \$83,511,595.88 in prior year Excess Funds to the Supervisorial Districts in the four allocation categories as shown in the Attachment.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to allocate County Excess Funds in the total of \$5,092,730, of which \$4,348,753.77 will be allocated to the Excess Funds placeholder grants in the First, Third and Fourth Supervisorial Districts, and the net remaining amount of

\$743,976.23 of County Excess Funds will be transferred from placeholder grants in the Second and Fifth Supervisorial Districts to comply with the requirements of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 as also shown in the attachment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

REALLOCATE PRIOR YEAR EXCESS FUNDS

In any fiscal year, Excess Funds awarded but not encumbered into grant agreements in that fiscal year are available for allocation by your Board in the following year. Of the cumulative total of \$220,280,160 that has been determined to be excess since 1999, \$136,768,564.12 was allocated to projects through Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12. Excess funds of \$83,511,595.88 for all prior years, still available for allocation in the current fiscal year, are therefore recommended for reallocation, as shown in Attachment I.

SUPPLEMENT AND REDUCE "COUNTY" EXCESS FUNDS IN COUNTY PLACEHOLDER GRANTS

The Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) requires that the County be granted an amount equal to the total amount granted to cities in each fiscal year. During the fiscal year, grants funded with "Cities" and/or "County" Excess Funds were made in each of the five supervisorial districts. Since the amounts granted were not equal, supplements or decreases to the grant amounts in the County Excess Funds placeholder grants will enable the District to comply with the requirements of the 1996 Proposition. The placeholder grants in each supervisorial district will be adjusted to achieve parity between the "Cities" and "County" categories of Excess Funds to reflect awards made in FY 2011-12 as follows:

- First District - \$1,563,730 net supplement to the Various First District Improvements placeholder grant based on the following activities in FY 2011-12 as shown on Attachment II.
- Second District - \$29,001.97 net reduction to the Various Second District Improvements placeholder grant based on the following activities in FY 2011-12 as shown on Attachment II.
- Third District - \$300,000 net supplement to the Various Third District Improvements placeholder grant based on the following activities in FY 2011-12 as shown in Attachment II. The net supplement results in \$500,000 more in "County" Excess Funds awarded than in "Cities" Excess Funds to equalize the two categories. The opposite action takes place in the Fourth District. The two actions correct the \$500,000 disparity between the Cities and County categories resulting from a trade of \$500,000 between the two supervisorial districts in FY 2001-02. In that fiscal year, the Third District gave the Fourth District \$500,000 of "Cities" Excess Funds in exchange for \$500,000 of Regional (Big 5) Excess Funds.
- Fourth District - \$3,229,000 net supplement to Various Fourth District Improvements placeholder grant based on the following activities in FY 2011-12 as shown in Attachment II. The net supplement results in \$500,000 more in "Cities" Excess Funds awarded than in "County" Excess Funds to equalize the two categories. The opposite action takes place in the Third District. The two actions correct the \$500,000 disparity between the Cities and County categories resulting from a trade of \$500,000 between the two supervisorial districts in FY 2001-02. In that fiscal year the Fourth District received \$500,000 of "Cities" Excess Funds from the Third District in exchange for \$500,000 of Regional (Big 5) Excess Funds.

- Fifth District - \$714,974.26 net reduction to the Various Fifth District Improvements placeholder grant based on the following activities in FY 2011-12 as shown in Attachment II. Despite the \$714,974.26 reduction to the Various Fifth District Improvements placeholder grant, \$432,275.12 more in "County" Excess Funds was awarded in FY 2011-12 than in "Cities" Excess Funds in the Fifth District. Parity between Fifth District "Cities" and "County" Excess Funds will not be achieved until next fiscal year with the allocation of \$432,275.12 more in Fifth District "Cities" Excess Funds in FY 2012-13.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 2), and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by allocating funds available for additional capital outlay projects and making adjustments to Excess Funds.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The allocation of additional Excess Funds to and from the County placeholder grants for purposes of achieving parity with the City grants will not impact the General Fund until such amounts are awarded to County projects of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section (21), Subsection (j) of the 1996 Proposition requires that, following completion of an independent annual audit of the District, an annual Plan of Revenues and Expenditures (Plan) be prepared and approved by your Board prior to the end of the fiscal year. The 1996 Proposition identifies two purposes for the Plan. First, the Plan must demonstrate that the District is managing its revenues and issuing debt in a manner that ensures sufficient funds will be available to finance the \$859,000,000 of capital outlay project expenditures identified in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 by the end of FY 2008-09. Second, the annual Plan must identify to the Board any available excess funds and designate the amount of such excess which, according to a formula prescribed by the 1996 Proposition and a recommendation by an independent financial consultant, may be allocated for additional projects. The 2012 Plan of Revenues and Expenditures was submitted under a separate board action to be approved no later than June 30, 2012.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996.

Section (24), Subsection (b) of the 1996 Proposition requires that the County be granted an amount equal to the total amount granted to cities in each fiscal year.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4) (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines. This is because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Your Board's approval of the recommended actions has no impact on current services nor does it authorize specific expenditures. It is merely a re-allocation of available Excess Funds.

CONCLUSION

Your Board's approval of the attached actions prior to the end of the current fiscal year will meet the requirements of the 1996 Proposition.

Please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

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County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
STATUS OF EXCESS FUNDS
Payment as of May 24 , 2012

Allocation Category	Cumulative Available	Total Board Allocations	Unallocated Balance	Grants Awarded	Grants Paid
1st District					
"Big 5" *	\$ 19,825,214.40	\$ 4,607,050.00	\$ 15,218,164.40	\$ 4,307,050.00	\$ 2,965,812.17
Cities	\$ 9,912,607.20	\$ 4,934,329.64	\$ 4,978,277.56	\$ 3,365,599.64	\$ 3,109,220.09
County	\$ 9,912,607.20	\$ 4,934,329.64	\$ 4,978,277.56	\$ 3,220,599.64	\$ 1,564,830.00
Competitive	\$ 4,405,603.20	\$ 2,608,803.20	\$ 1,796,800.00	\$ 2,608,803.20	\$ 1,756,690.52
District Total	\$ 44,056,032.00	\$ 17,084,512.48	\$ 26,971,519.52	\$ 13,502,052.48	\$ 9,396,552.78
2nd District					
"Big 5" *	\$ 19,825,214.40	\$ 19,825,214.40	\$ -	\$ 19,825,214.40	\$ 16,330,848.35
Cities	\$ 9,912,607.20	\$ 6,533,295.23	\$ 3,379,311.97	\$ 6,432,295.23	\$ 3,723,699.61
County	\$ 9,912,607.20	\$ 6,533,295.23	\$ 3,379,311.97	\$ 6,562,297.20	\$ 1,850,597.83
Competitive	\$ 4,405,603.20	\$ 1,651,183.00	\$ 2,754,420.20	\$ 1,651,183.00	\$ 1,151,183.00
District Total	\$ 44,056,032.00	\$ 34,542,987.86	\$ 9,513,044.14	\$ 34,470,989.83	\$ 23,056,328.79
3rd District					
"Big 5" *	\$ 20,325,214.40	\$ 10,639,000.00	\$ 9,686,214.40	\$ 10,539,000.00	\$ 7,136,455.54
Cities	\$ 9,412,607.20	\$ 8,186,652.20	\$ 1,225,955.00	\$ 6,811,652.20	\$ 1,139,017.00
County	\$ 9,912,607.20	\$ 8,686,652.20	\$ 1,225,955.00	\$ 6,761,652.20	\$ 231,377.58
Competitive	\$ 4,405,603.20	\$ 3,198,543.00	\$ 1,207,060.20	\$ 3,198,543.00	\$ 1,744,630.85
District Total	\$ 44,056,032.00	\$ 30,710,847.40	\$ 13,345,184.60	\$ 27,310,847.40	\$ 10,251,480.97
4th District					
"Big 5" *	\$ 19,325,214.40	\$ 8,296,000.00	\$ 11,029,214.40	\$ 8,296,000.00	\$ 4,288,701.51
Cities	\$ 10,412,607.20	\$ 7,947,314.31	\$ 2,465,292.89	\$ 6,747,314.31	\$ 3,730,148.72
County	\$ 9,912,607.20	\$ 7,447,314.31	\$ 2,465,292.89	\$ 4,218,314.31	\$ 292,814.73
Competitive	\$ 4,405,603.20	\$ 1,684,893.68	\$ 2,720,709.52	\$ 1,684,893.68	\$ 1,632,592.47
District Total	\$ 44,056,032.00	\$ 25,375,522.30	\$ 18,680,509.70	\$ 20,946,522.30	\$ 9,944,257.43
5th district					
"Big 5" *	\$ 19,825,214.40	\$ 13,530,000.00	\$ 6,295,214.40	\$ 13,530,000.00	\$ 11,921,689.48
Cities	\$ 9,912,607.20	\$ 5,921,397.88	\$ 3,991,209.32	\$ 5,871,397.88	\$ 4,221,963.04
County	\$ 9,912,607.20	\$ 6,353,673.00	\$ 3,558,934.20	\$ 6,753,647.26	\$ 4,009,468.46
Competitive	\$ 4,405,603.20	\$ 3,249,623.20	\$ 1,155,980.00	\$ 3,249,621.75	\$ 1,149,388.45
District Total	\$ 44,056,032.00	\$ 29,054,694.08	\$ 15,001,337.92	\$ 29,404,666.89	\$ 21,302,509.43
Total					
"Big 5" *	\$ 99,126,072.00	\$ 56,897,264.40	\$ 42,228,807.60	\$ 56,497,264.40	\$ 42,643,507.05
Cities	\$ 49,563,036.00	\$ 33,522,989.26	\$ 16,040,046.74	\$ 29,228,259.26	\$ 15,924,048.46
County	\$ 49,563,036.00	\$ 33,955,264.38	\$ 15,607,771.62	\$ 27,516,510.61	\$ 7,949,088.60
Competitive	\$ 22,028,016.00	\$ 12,393,046.08	\$ 9,634,969.92	\$ 12,393,044.63	\$ 7,434,485.29
District Total	\$ 220,280,160.00	\$ 136,768,564.12	\$ 83,511,595.88	\$ 125,635,078.90	\$ 73,951,129.40

* Highest priority regional open space and recreation projects

Supplement and Reduce "County" Excess Funds in County Placeholder Grants

GRANTEE		PROJECT	AMOUNT
1ST DISTRICT	MRCA	Elyria Canyon Acquisition Project	145,000.00
	Trust for Public Land	Fitness Zone Project-Baldwin Park	25,000.00
	City of Bell Gardens	Ford Park Fields Project	500,000.00
	City of South Gate	South Gate Park Dog Park Project	150,000.00
	City of South Gate	South Gate Park Auditorium Project	350,000.00
	City of Rosemead	Rosemead Community Cntr Imprv Proj	500,000.00
	City of LA for LA Neighborhood Land Trust	Unidad Park Community Garden Project	43,730.00
	Trust for Public Land	6 County Park Fitness Zone Project	(150,000.00)
	Net Supplement to the Various 1st District		1,563,730.00
2ND DISTRICT	Trust for Public Land	Hawthorne Fitness Zone Project	16,000.00
	City of Culver City	Funds returned from terminated grant 2078	(1.97)
	City of Gardena assigned to LACC	Gardena Willows Restoration project	85,000.00
	County Parks	119th Street Acquisition Project	(130,000.00)
	Net Reduction to the Various 2nd District		(29,001.97)
3RD DISTRICT	City of Los Angeles assigned to Dept of Parks & Rec.	Hollywood Bowl Restroom Project	1,375,000.00
	Department of Parks and Recreation	Don Wallace Trail Project	50,000.00
	Department of Parks and Recreation	Hollywood Bowl Restroom Project	(1,625,000.00)
	Adjustment for transfer to SD4		500,000.00
Net Supplement to the Various 3rd District		300,000.00	
4TH DISTRICT	City of Artesia	Park Rehabilitation Project	150,000.00
	City of Avalon	Machado Field Project	150,000.00
	City of Bellflower	Aquatics Center Project	150,000.00
	City of Cerritos	Cerritos Park East Playground Project	150,000.00
	City of Diamond Bar	Silvertip Park Project	150,000.00
	City of Downey	Columbia Memorial Space Project	150,000.00
	City of El Segundo	Recreation Park Project	150,000.00
	City of Hawaiian Gardens	Various Park Improvements	150,000.00
	City of Hermosa Beach	South Park Project	150,000.00
	City of Lakewood	Mayfair Park Project	150,000.00
	City of La Habra Heights	Hacienda Park Project	150,000.00
	City of La Mirada	Aquatics Center Project	150,000.00
	City of Lomita	Lomita Park Gym Project	150,000.00
	City of Long Beach	Various Park Improvements	450,000.00
	City of Manhattan Beach	Various Park Improvements	150,000.00
	City of Norwalk	Vista Verde Park Project	150,000.00
	City of Palos Verdes Estates	Tree Planting Project	150,000.00
	City of Paramount	Park Renovation Project	150,000.00
	City of Rancho Palos Verdes	Eastview Park Project	150,000.00
	City of Redondo Beach	Perry Park Project	150,000.00
	City of Rolling Hills Estate	Bridle/Hiking Trail Fencing Project	150,000.00
	City of Santa Fe Springs	Clarke Estate Improvements Project	150,000.00
	City of Signal Hill	Reservoir Park Project	150,000.00
	City of Torrance	Various Park Improvements	150,000.00
	City of Whittier	Laurel Park Restroom Project	150,000.00
	Department of Parks and Recreation	Equestrian Center Improvements Project	(321,000.00)
	Adjustment for transfer from SD3		(500,000.00)
	Net Supplement to the Various 4th District		3,229,000.00
5TH DISTRICT	City of San Gabriel	Vincent Lugo Park Renovation Project	50,000.00
	City of Duarte	Funds returned for Encanto Park Project	(37,249.38)
	City of Palmdale	Funds for Warnack Nature Trail Project	(150,000.00)
	Dept of Parks & Rec - LACC	Crescenta Valley Dog Park Project	(645,000.00)
	Depat of Parks & Rec - Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy	Rosemont Acquisition Project	(350,000.00)
	Department of Parks and Recreation	Funds returned from terminated grant 2251	300,000.00
	Department of Parks and Recreation	Hart Park Improvements Project	(315,000.00)
	Adjustment for shortage of funds in placeholder grants		432,275.12
	Net Reduction to the Various 5th District*		(714,974.26)
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL ADJUSTMENTS TO PLACEHOLDER GRANTS			\$ 4,348,753.77